

Fun Facts: Valentine's Day - February 14



The Day of Love – A History

- In A.D. 496, Pope Gelasius I declared February 14 as Valentine's Day.
- Esther Howland of Massachusetts is given credit for selling the first mass-produced Valentine's Day cards in the 1840s.



What do blueberries say on Valentine's Day?

I love you berry much!



Thanks a Bunch

- **About \$203 million:** The value of imports of all bouquet cut flowers in February 2022.
- **About \$106 million:** The value of imports of fresh cut roses and buds, specifically, in February 2022.



Walking Down the Aisle

- In 2010, the median age for a first marriage in the United States was about **29** years old for **men** and about **27** years old for **women**.
- In 2021, the median age for a first marriage in the United States was about **31** years old for **men** and about **29** years old for **women**.
- **Approximately 66 percent** of people aged 15 and older in the United States have been married. Of those people...
 - **3 out of 4** had been married once
 - **Nearly 1 out of 5** had been married twice
 - **1 out of 20** had been married three or more times

Sugar, Sugar (of the Chocolate Variety)

In 2020, California and Pennsylvania had the most chocolate makers per state.

California:
125



Pennsylvania:
114

Cities and Towns With the Loveliest Names



- Loveland, Colorado (Population – **77,194**)
- Romeoville, Illinois (Population – **40,469**)
- Love Valley, North Carolina (Population – **160**)
- Valentine, Texas (Population – **108**)

Finding Gifts for Your Valentine

In the United States in 2020, there were about...

- **20,000** jewelry stores
- **12,000** flower shops
- **3,000** candy and nut stores
- **1,000** chocolate makers
- **500** nonchocolate candy makers



Sources: Data on this page come from the U.S. Census Bureau's 2020 County Business Patterns, International Trade Statistics, 2021 American Community Survey, and 2021 Population Estimates.